GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

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JAWAHAR LAL NEHRU PORT TRUST
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether coastal gulf area has become narrow after the construction of Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Trust ;

(b) if so, whether due to this the local fishermen are facing difficulties while landing their boats at the time of tides ;

(c) if so, whether the Government have formulated any time bound programme or package scheme to facilitate fishermen to enter into sea by widening this narrow coastal gulf area ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d) The main harbour and approach channels have not narrowed due to construction of Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Trust.There is adjoining creek known as Nhava creek perpendicular to berths and this creek is having entrance of about 150 meter width through which fishermen approach their villages. The Port has placed markers along this route to improve navigational safety. Even prior to construction of the Port, deeper pockets of the channel were limited and fishermen were able to enter the creek only during high tide times. Except Nhava Creek, there is no change in Mumbai Harbour conditions for movement of Trawlers of fishermen.